

W.R. Smyth Speaks

1909

W.R. Smyth, M.P. for East Algoma, is taking the Dominion government to task in the matter of their action in sending a company of policeman into the ridings of East and West Algoma, prior to the last general election. The following questions were asked, and will have to be answered satisfactorily.

1 - How many members of the Dominion Police Force were sent into the districts of Thunder Bay and Rainy River, West Algoma, East Algoma and Nipissing, at the last general election, respectively?

2 - Upon whose request, and by what representatives were such police sent into

the ridings, and for what purpose?

3 - Who ordered them to go, and what instructions were given them?

4 - Were they, or any of them, in any instance sent upon a special train? If so, why, upon whose request, what was the cost of special transportation, and who paid it?

5 - What was the total cost per constituency of sending out and maintaining these police?

6 - Has it been the custom of the government to utilize the Dominion Police Force for this purpose? If not, why was an exception made in these instances, and upon what authority?

7 - Was the sending out of these police preceded by any request of the Ontario government to provide such? If so, by whom was such request made, and with what result?

8 - Was there any correspondence with the Provincial government on the subject?

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Railway Wreck

1907

North Bay, Nov. 15--At Moorlake, 100 miles east of here last night the C.P.R. Soo express, No. 8. collided head on with a light engine in charge of Engineer Hendrie, who is supposed was alone to blame for the accident through forgetting his orders.

Both trains were under full speed.

Express mail and baggage cars were completely demolished.

The following were killed:

J. E. Young, Engineer, North Bay

J. Hendrie, Engineer, North Bay

J. D. Nadeau, fireman, Chalk River

J. Irvine, Baggegeman, Ottawa

H. J. Prendergast, Sen., Webbwood

Thomas Prendergast, Webbwood. The injured, none of whom were seriously hurt are:--

Alfred, 68 Nelson street, Ottawa.

D. Lynch, Hintonburg.

H. Hyland, Hull.

Thomas Ferrone, New York.

C. Labelle, Montreal.

Madigan, Montreal.

T. Maguire, Ivy, Ont.

Fireman Ball of the Soo express miraculously escaped with slight injuries.

Young Prendergast, a C. P. R. brakeman, who was hurt in a wreck at Blind River last Wednesday, and his father was taking him to the hospital at Ottawa.

Five of the seven dead had been at the time of North Bay, and therefore there were pathetic scenes at the station on the arrival of some of the bodies were those of Engineers Hendrie and Young and Fireman Nadeau, who were crushed and scaled to death in the wreckage of their engines. The wives and children of some of the unfortunate train men stood shivering and crying as the plain wooden boxes containing the unrecognizable remains of their loved ones were lifted out of the baggage car. John Nadeau, the fireman who met death at his post, was to have been married next week to a young lady of North Bay. it was reported down town that the bride-to-be was prostrated over the untimely end of her sweetheart.

Seventy Years of Eating

1910

In That Time a Man Consumes 95 Tons of Food and Drink

If a man of 70 years was starving it would probably be little comfort to him to think that he had consumed in the course of his life fifty-three and three-quarter tons of solid food and forty-two and three-quarter tons of liquid, or about 1-280 times his own weight in both solids and liquids, but it would be true.

Being a man of average appetite and purse he would have eaten fifteen tons of bread, which would have made a single loaf containing 1,200 cubic feet and appearing about as large as the average suburban home, and on this bread he would have spread one ton of butter. If his bacon had been cut in a single slice, the strip would have been four miles long and his chops placed end to end would have extended two miles.

Twenty ordinary sized bullocks have supplied him with beef eighteen tons of which he has eaten, along with five tons of fish and 10,000 eggs and 350 pounds of cheese. If he had elected to have all his vegetables served at once they would have come to him in a train of cars, the pod containing all his peas being over three miles long.

He has had 9,000 pounds of sugar, 1,500 pounds of salt, 8 pounds of pepper and 100 cans of mustard. Three pints of liquid a day would have amounted to 76,600 pints, or forty-two and three quarter tons. If he had been a smoker, he would have burned about half a ton of tobacco in a pipe or if he preferred cigarettes would have smoked about a quarter of a million.